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AMERICUS, Ga. - The No. 2-ranked Armstrong Atlantic State University men's tennis team finally opened up the dual match season on Saturday, claiming a 9-0 win at Georgia Southwestern State in Peach Belt Conference action in Americus, Ga.

The Pirates (1-0) had previously had five dates either cancelled or postponed due to weather, but finally got on the courts on Saturday against the Hurricanes (0-3).

Armstrong swept the doubles action to take a 3-0 lead over Georgia Southwestern. The No. 1 doubles duo of **Pablo Gor** and **Jaan Kononov** downed Valentin Demande and Jake Koonce, 8-3, while the duo of **Pedro Scocuglia** and **Damian Okrutny** knocked off Stephen Moore and Oliver Marshall, 8-4, at No. 2 doubles. **Ignacio Hernandez** and **Luca Cerin** finished off the doubles sweep with an 8-1 win over Abel Acuna and Darren Kenny at No. 3 doubles.

In singles action, the Pirates notched straight-set wins in all six matches to clinch the victory. No. 9-ranked Scocuglia claimed a 6-0, 6-0 win over Demande at No. 1 singles, while No. 10-ranked Gor collected a 6-0, 6-3 win over Koonce at No. 2 singles. No. 39-ranked Kononov notched a 6-1, 6-0 win over Moore at No. 3 singles while No. 20-ranked Hernandez downed Marshall, 6-1, 6-2, at No. 4 singles.

Cerin survived a second-set tiebreak to defeat Acuna, 6-2, 7-6 (4) at No. 5 singles and Okrutny picked up a 6-0, 6-1 win over Joel Landis at No. 6 singles to wrap up singles play.

Armstrong returns to action on Tuesday, February 18th, traveling to Flagler for a 2:00 p.m. Peach Belt Conference contest in St. Augustine, Fla.



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